lands have also been given out for cultivation. The result is that in many villages gomal lands are quite inadequate. Pray therefore that in such cases the necessary extent of land out of the State Forest or the Amrut Mahal kaval, whichever may be near, may be added on as a gomal land to the said village. For instance, the Hassan kasaba has not sufficient extent of gomal land. There is the Gaudagere forest plantation close by. It may be made available for grazing.

Mr. A. Ramanna.—The same difficulty is experienced in Mysore. Even the Kukkarhalli tank bed has been sold by auction with the result that the people of Mysore have to keep their cattle in their houses.

Reply of Government.—Will be enquired into.

SUBJECT No. 137.

Free grant of lands to the poor

Mr. C. Rasool Khan, Anjumani-Islamia, Chikmagalur

Summary of discussion.—At present, it is only the rich that can own any land. The poor may be given land free, subject to the payment of annual assessment, 5 acres of dry or coffee land, or 3 acres of wet land. Lands are now put to auction and poor people have no chance of getting them.

Reply of Government.—Recorded.

SUBJECT No. 138.

Revenue sales.

Mr. Gundappa, Magadi Taluk

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT No. 139.

Amildars to be empowered to remit notice fees.

Messrs. Chikka Ramanna, Byregowda, and Dodda Vembralliah, Kolar taluk; Adavappa, Chitaldrug taluk; C. Vamana Rao, Nadig Subba Rao, Nagar taluk; Nadig Lakshmana Rao and Bhaskara Rao, Sorab taluk; Ranganna Manjarabad taluk; E. Rama Rao Venkatasamiah, Padmanna, Nanjangud taluk; Venkatasamiah, Chamrajnagar taluk; C. Narahariah and B. Channalingppa, Nelamangala taluk.

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT No. 140.

Amildars to make payments for maramat works.

Messrs. C. Naraharaiya and B. Channalingappa, Nelamangala taluk.

Summary of discussion.—There is inordinate delay in the payment of amounts for *maramat* works executed through the revenue authorities. These works are generally undertaken by the villagers themselves for execution, many of whom are not well-to-do persons. Although the works are carried out by them satisfactorily, the delay in payment dissuades them from undertaking such works. The works executed through the agency of the Public Works Department are paid for from time to time by the Overseers and Sub-Overseers in charge of Sub-Divisions. If the Amildars, who are held responsible for the proper execution of the work, are similarly empowered to make payment from time to time after duly inspecting the execution of the works with the help of the officials of the Public

Works Department, it will not only facilitate the satisfactory completion of the work but also encourage the ryots to undertake such contracts. In the case of Harnahalli, Midnapura and Hulikere tanks, work was done more than a year ago but no payment has been made.

Reply of Government.—Instructions will be issued to make payments promptly.

SUBJECT No. 141.

Personal service of notices of demand for land revenue.

Messrs. Sherid Hussain Saheb, Mohamed Imam Sab and Sankarappa, Tarikere taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The rules under the Land Revenue Code provide that service of notices of demand for land revenue, either on the land or the residence of the khatedar, is sufficient to take further action in the matter. By this, many persons ignorant of the rules lose their lands. The rules may therefore be so amended as to make personal service necessary.

Reply of Government.—Service on land is effected if the defaulter cannot be found and the procedure cannot be altered.

SUBJECT No. 142.

Arrangement for speedy disposal of revenue cases.

Mr. Venkatasamiah, Chamrajnagar taluk.

Summary of discussion.—At present there is no means of knowing the number of revenue cases that are received at the several offices of Amildars, Assistant Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners, Revenue Commissioner and the Government in a year, the number disposed of during the year and the number pending disposal with reasons therefor.

It is prayed that the submission of a monthly return showing the above particulars be insisted upon by every officer to his immediate superior so that proper scrutiny may be exercised to avoid delay. The records relating to the Kempapurada Nala have been pending for more than 10 years.

Reply of Government.—Returns have been prescribed which show pending cases and the reasons why they are pending and cases of inordinate delay are also taken notice of when the records are submitted for orders.

SUBJECT No. 143.

Taking earth from kharab lands and leaves from forest trees for manurial purposes.

Mr. Ranganna, Manjarabad taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The soil of the older coffee estates is exhausted. In order to increase the fertility of such soil, it is desirable to manure them by way of putting fresh soil by removal of earth from kharab lands close by, and also by putting leaves from forest trees. Pray that permission be granted to remove earth from gomal lands and leaves as stated above for manurial purposes.

Reply of Government.—Earth cannot be allowed to be removed from gomal lands and the existing rules contain sufficient provision for removing it from kharab lands.

SUBJECT No. 144.

Encroachments on Government kharab lands by garden owners in the malnad.

Mr. Puttanna Gowda, Tirthahalli taluk.

Summary of discussion.—For the use of garden lands in the malnad, garden owners dig up earth from Government *kharab* lands adjacent to their gardens. The area from which the earth is taken may be caused to be